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FM USMISSION SINAI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0900

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINAI 1534

FOR SSM

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EG, IS, UN

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PRESS VISIT

1. IDF LIAISON OFFICER COL. LEVINSON INDICATED YESTERDAY THAT ISRAELI TV WOULD LIKE TO SEND A CREW TO SFM FOR THE DAY BEFORE SEPT 1 TO TAKE FAIRLY COMPLETE COVERAGE OF SFM. THE REASON GIVEN WAS TO HAVE THIS ON TV PROGRAM ON SEPT 1 TO COMMEMORATE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINAI II AGREEMENT.

2. IN ADMINISTERING PRESS POLICY HERE NO ISRAELI MEDIA VISITS HAVE BEEN APPROVED SINCE ACTIVATION ON FEB 22 OF SFM AND I FEEL THAT UNTIL EGYPTIAN MEDIA REQUESTS PERMISSION TO VISIT THE SFM IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA TO PERMIT ISRAELI MEDIA TO VISIT. I AM AWARE OF COURSE, THAT ISRAELI MEDIA HAVE REPORTED FROM TIME TO TIME THE PRODUCT OBTAINED BY US MEDIA REPS ON VISITS TO SFM SINCE FEB 22. THE EGYPTIANS ARE WELL AWARE THAT MOST BUT NOT ALL US PRESS REQUESTS TO VISIT SFM HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

3. IN VIEW OF THE EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN EXCHANGES RECENTLY, PARTICULARLY  
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SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE QUOTE SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN AGREE-

MENT OF JULY 29 UNQUOTE IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT APPROVAL OF  
THIS VISIT WOULD BE MOST UNWELCOME TO THE EGYPTIANS. ACCORDINGLY,  
I REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT ACTION TO TAKE IN THIS CASE.  
I FEEL PERSONALLY THAT THE REQUEST SHOULD BE DISAPPROVED.

4. IF I AM DIRECTED TO APPROVE THIS VISIT I WILL, OF COURSE,  
NOTIFY EMBASSY CAIRO AND THE EGYPTIAN L.O. AT E-1 BEFORE GIVING  
APPROVAL.

5. REQUEST REPLY ASAP AS I DEPART EARLY AUGUST 20 FOR CAIRO.  
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